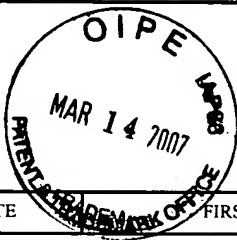




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- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 8-20 have been renumbered 7-19.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wysocki (4194677). Wysocki teaches a carton having a pour spout so as to define a pour spout in the inner and outer wells of the carton. The pour spout having an outer layer hinged to the outerwall along a first fold line, and a spout inner layer hinged to the inner wall along a second fold line so that the pour spout can pivot about the fold lines between open and closed position and the spout inner layer and the inner wall abut in edge wise relation at a location between the fold lines and an end of the spout outer layer as claimed.

3. Claim 3, 5, 6, 7-17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wysocki in view of Giblin (5145111)(col. 3, ln. 3-7). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a layer vapor impermeable coating to provide protection and to enable one to hold the desired contents.

4. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wysocki rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 2, and further in view of Roland (5660324). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide nick cut as taught by Roland, portion 43, col. (col. 2, ln. 57) to enable one to provide the added protection.

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5. Claim 3, 5-10, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Giblin (5145111) or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giblin in view of Griffiths (5209394). Giblin teaches a container from "Super MVTR board" wherein the spout is movable between a closed position and an open position in which contents forming a labyrinth seal in which an inner edge of the spout abuts the carton at a location between a spout fold line 66 and an outer edge. Note that "Super MVTR board" is clay coated board and having a MVTR of .8. (see Griffiths et al. 5209394 col. 5, ln. 27-67).


6. Claims 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giblin (5145111) rejection, as set forth in paragraph 4, and further in view of Kuchenbecker (5035330). Giblin teaches a container from "Super MVTR board" wherein the spout is movable between a closed position and an open position in which contents forming a labyrinth seal in which an inner edge of the spout abuts the carton at a location between a spout fold line 66 and an outer edge. Note that "Super MVTR board" is clay coated board and having a MVTR of .8. (see Griffiths et al. 5209394 col. 5, ln. 27-67). With respect to the inner layer, Kuchenbecker teaches that it is known in the art to provide an inner layer as well (col. 1, 44-46). Thus to provide an inner layer would have been obvious to provide added protection.

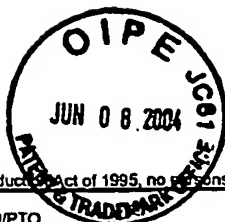
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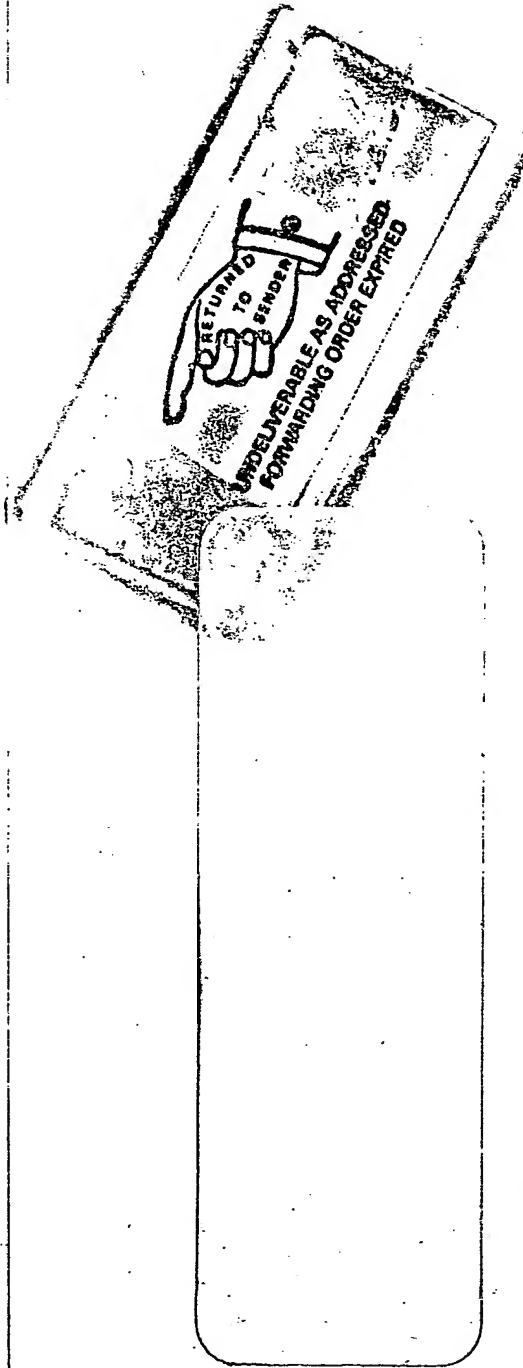
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